

**PRIVATE COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK INCLUDING
CONNECTED PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES AND
METHOD OF OPERATION THEREOF**

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ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A virtual private communications network (VPCN) and method of using the VPCN. The VPCN includes a communications server and at least one communications trunk connecting the communications server to a public telephone network. A web server and one or more digital telephones may be connected to the communications server. A remotely connected device (such as a PC or WAP) communicating with the communications server acts as a locally connected digital telephone. A remote telephone located in the vicinity of the remotely connected device provides telephonic communications in cooperation with the communications server controlled by the remotely connected device.